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WEDGWOOD BASALTES

Josiah Wedgwood produced a life-sized bust of Admiral Michael de Ruyter, twenty-five inches in height, which was modeled in 1779. In Wedgwood's catalogue of 1787, a fifteen-inch bust of the same subject is listed, being a reduced copy of the earlier portrait. A fine example of this second period, the spelling of the name having been changed to De Ruiter, has been added to



BUST OF ADMIRAL DE RUYTER
Wedgwood Basaltes, c. 1787

the Museum's collection of Wedgwood basaltes. The famous Dutch admiral was born in 1607 and died in 1676, and this portrait bust was produced for the Dutch market, in consequence of which examples are rare in this country. The pedestal of the Museum specimen is old but of a somewhat later period than the bust itself, the difference in texture and finish being apparent even in the illustration.